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Filed herewith is a replacement sheet containing FIGS. 1 and 2, which have added thereto "Prior Art", as suggested by the Examiner. This will overcome his objection thereto.

SPECIFICATION

A revised "Abstract" is filed herewith in clean copy with the bottom delineated as "new page 26". We believe the new revised "Abstract" is fully now compliant with the rules.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

The allowed claims are now renumbered as follows:

<u>Old Claim No.</u>	<u>New Claim No.</u>
19-24	38-43
26	44
28	45
30-37	46-53

The old claims were rewritten to incorporate base claims, where appropriate. Accordingly, applicant respectfully solicits continued allowance of allowed claims 38-53.

REJECTED CLAIMS UNDER SEC. 102 over WILLAN TRAVERSED

In view of the amendments to the priorly rejected claims it

submitted that new claims 54-57, which replace the rejected claims, define an invention which is not "anticipated under 102" by Willman (5,912,557).

We now recite "wherein a plurality of sets of encode points are sequentially defined as sequential segments in order of decreasing distances from center of said K space, and then assigning sequentially serial numbers to encode points of first through fourth quadrants in said first and subsequent segments in order of decreasing distances from said K space; and means for encoding said K space in order of the determined serial number, thereby to collect data".

Clearly, this is not taught by nor made obvious by Willman. He teaches use of two phase encoding gradients through a sequence of values to sample all K-space locations.. However, Willman does not teach , or make obvious, the "specific" defining of the segments in order of decreasing distances from the center", nor thereafter, "the assigning of sequential serial numbers to encode points of the first through the fourth quadrants". Then, we thereafter "collect data". These specific ways of accomplishing the collecting of data are not shown by Willman.

Thus, no Section 102 rejection is now supported by Willman. Accordingly, the new claims 54-57 should be allowed, and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

In addition to the foregoing, the inventor adds that (as recited in claims 58,59) using two sampling points in each segment has added advantages.

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims now in the application, namely, claims 38-59 are believed allowable and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully

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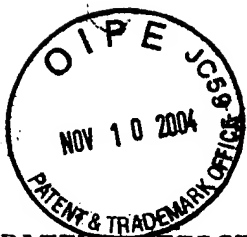
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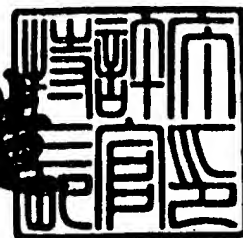
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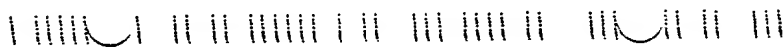
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